

The Leigh & Coombe Hill Newsletter

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Thank you to all who passed positive comment on October's newsletter. With Christmas fast approaching there's a lot's going on / coming up, so all articles received have had to be lightly edited for inclusion, with a number of regular adverts also temporarily removed.

Musical Extravaganza

A number of lucky locals were in for a real treat on 13th October as the Cotswold Male Voice Choir gave their first post-lockdown concert at St. Catherine's church.

A diverse range of songs, from a rousing version of Jerusalem to jolly sea shanties and more recent chart-topping songs, were covered.

Even though entrance was free, over £100 was raised in donations for the church. It was a real shame that more people were unable to attend this very enjoyable event.

Karen M



Celebrating the Harvest

Over 20 diners enjoyed a traditional harvest supper at St. Catherine's on 22nd October. Dishes such as beef bourguignon, cream and mustard chicken, a range of crumbles, cheese & biscuits and coffees were on offer.

The evening raised over £200 for the church. **Karen M**

Fireworks — Please Consider Animals

If you're planning to set off fireworks, it would be courteous to make your neighbours aware in case extra arrangements need to be made for pets and livestock.



Charity Postbox

The village postbox will be making it's (now) traditional appearance outside Little Holborn, Church Lane.

The sorting office will once again be at the Austin's. Exact dates to follow in the next newsletter.

'Seasons Greetings' in the newsletter— if you prefer, please leave a charity donation in an envelope at Daniels Orchard, Blacksmiths Lane together with your name and any message by Saturday **20th November** for publication in December's newsletter. For example, "Happy Christmas to all – Jo, Martin & Harriet". **Jo R**

Come and Join Us for Festive Fun

The Swan Inn at Coombe Hill will be hosting our annual Christmas evening meal on Friday 17th December at 7pm.



Chris H. is kindly co-ordinating the event. Any readers wishing to attend are asked to make their selections in advance from the Xmas menu available from the pub or found on their website and drop payment in full, together with your names and meal choices by **31st October** to Chris at The Old School, Church Lane.

2 courses are £18.95 and 3 courses are £24.95.



Give a Child a Christmas

We're once again asking residents of The Leigh and Coombe Hill to send a shoebox to a child who'd otherwise have nothing to open on Christmas Morning.

Full details (including suggested items to send) can be found in the church magazine or on the Samaritans Purse website samaritans-purse.org.uk

All shoeboxes need to be dropped off at St. Catherine's church by Sunday **14th November**.

In 2019, over 18 shoeboxes were generously donated (126 by the benefice) which gave 18 children a happier Christmas. Please help us beat this number and bring joy to many more children this Christmas.

THE LEIGH PARISH GLOUCESTERSHIRE Parish Council Meeting

Next meeting: Wednesday 10th November at 7:30pm
Venue: St Catherine's Church, The Leigh

All residents of the parish are welcome to attend and the agenda can be viewed in advance on the notice-board and website.

Keep informed via The Leigh Parish Council website theleighpc.org.uk or contact the Parish directly on leighpc@hotmail.co.uk



Ideas Wanted

The Parish Council would like to hear your ideas how we should celebrate the Queen's 70 year reign. This could be a lasting legacy or an event in June.

Diary Dates for St Catherine's Church

Coffee Morning with Bells 13th November (10am to 12 noon)

Homemade cakes and crafts with a raffle and an opportunity to buy your Christmas cards.

Ever wanted to ring the bells? Now's your chance to give it a go. Anyone 13 or over is welcome to drop in and give them a 'dong' — under **Phil C's** supervision!

Wreath Making and Afternoon Tea (1pm to 3:30pm) Saturday 11th or Sunday 12th December

Cost for this workshop is **£15.00** per person with all proceeds going to the Church.

Included in the price is the wreath base, fairy lights and foliage and a glass of Prosecco or a cup of tea.

Only 3 spaces remain for Sunday (Saturday sold out within days), so to book one of last places please contact: **Karen M** 07711 632256



Norton and The Leigh — Local History Group

Future events for your diary at Norton Village Hall (doors open at 7pm and talks start promptly at 7:15pm) are:

23rd November (Monday)

Richard Chatham —
Tewkesbury in Bygone Days

Please wear a face mask and use hand sanitiser provided.

Sue Phelps 07754 668898

Meet The Leigh's Latest Author

I'm so excited to finally have a party for my book 'How Flora Finds Her Fabulous', (out now in paperback). Exclusively for the village, I'm inviting you to come and celebrate at my house, enjoy a glass of fizz or a cuppa and take part in Flora's quiz, testing your knowledge of the 60s, 70s and 80s.

There'll be book signing and copies for sale (credit cards accepted) at £8.99 each or two copies for £15 — the perfect Christmas pressie!

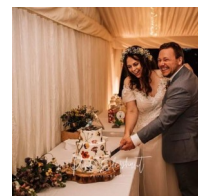
If you're unable to make 7th November, I'll be at The Farm Shop on 12, 13 & 14th November (quiz sheets also available) and a complimentary sweet treat on offer from The Baking Bird. **Stella B**



Congratulations April and Chris

Our youngest daughter April married Chris DeBonis on 4th September 2021 at St Catherine's and what a simply fantastic day it was.

This was the first wedding to take place at our church for some time and we would like to take this opportunity to thank Reverend Jacqui Hyde and the bell ringers for making it such a special day. April looked stunning and clearly enjoyed every second of the day.



The reception was held in our back garden (Bramley) where April and Chris had made it a Disney themed wedding with lots of displays, our favourite being the lost boys' hideout.

Afterwards the happy couple went on their mini-moon to Greece with their proper honeymoon planned for next year in Africa. **Sue and Martin R**



Christmas and Greetings Cards Sale in Sandhurst (Covid safe)

A number of local ladies have been busy making lots of lovely cards which we hope you will buy in aid of Cobalt Health (medical imaging charity in Cheltenham).

Please phone 01452 731519 to arrange an **individual appointment** to come and choose your cards at a time to suit you from now until Christmas.

All cards will be 'quarantined' for a couple of weeks before going on sale. You are kindly requested to wear a face covering and a new pair of disposable gloves while looking through the boxes of cards. **Yvette M**



Well Done Team Hannah



Grace and I ran the Cheltenham Race For Life Pretty Mud Run.

Not the easiest of days with lots of wind and rain but worth it to raise £210 for a great cause.

We would like to thank all of our generous sponsors for your donations.

Hannah G

